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MEMORANDUM

FROM : OCI/Greek Task Force

SUBJECT: Press Reporting on Greek Situation

1. So far, press reports have had George Papandreu stricken with a heart attack, Andreas Papandreu executed, fighting in the streets of Athens, and Princess Alexia kidnapped.

2. The only one of these reports we have any information on is that of fighting in the streets, which just isn't going on. George Papandreu is an old man, and might have a heart attack. Andreas is in jail and unpopular with his captors, hence his execution. The king is a karate expert and has been seen, no one is interested in kidnapping the queen, no one in his right mind would try to steal the queen mother, hence Princess Alexia has been kidnapped.

3. Greeks and people who know much about Greeks enjoy inventing, spreading and listening to rumors, and in the next few days we can probably expect everything from the Albanian invasion to the theft of Mt. Parnassus to be reported. It is almost certain that the king's flight to Denmark; the arrival of the US marines, Karamanlis, Makarios, Grivas, and half a dozen other people in Athens, the proclamation of a republic and the storing of arms by various groups will be reported. Radio Moscow has already reported on CIA's involvement in the coup; and if the Chinese hear about the coup they will report the Russo-American plot against the revolutionary rebels of Greece, so I haven't bothered to include them in my list of certainties.

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